show cause notice dated 9-7-1987 has been issued by Collector of Central Excise, Bombay-II to M|s. Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co. Pvt. Ltd., Bombay for evasion of duty to the tune of Rs. 11.95 crores approximately on refrigerators.

(c) The method adopted by the company for evading Central Excise Duty was by claiming deductions of trade discounts from assessable value from their prices when in fact such discounts were conditionally refundable and thus not admissible. These trade discounts were given for purposes of meeting expenses on advertising and after sales services on behalf of the company.

(d) The show cause notice is presently pending adjudication before Collector of Central Excise, Bombay-II. The question of recovery of any dues on this account can arise only after the case is adjudicated.

Pressure for devaluation from IMF and World Bank

2273. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is mounting pressure for devaluation from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Proceedings against Voltas for economic offences

2274. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched legal proceedings against Voltas, a company belonged to Tatas, for committing economic offences; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The Collector of Central Excise, Bombay have initiated legal proceedings against M|s. Voltas Ltd., Bombay (a unit belonging to Tata Group) for evasion of Central Excise duty to the tune of Rs. 775.12 lakhs for undervalueing the room airconditioners being manufactured by this company.

Information relating to Central Board of Direct Taxes is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Major development projects

2275. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of major development projects approved by the Central Government for implementation during the Seventh Plan have been found to cost much more than the original estimate due to delay in its implementation; and

(b) if so, what are the details of these projects and reasons for delay in their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) According to the available information as on 31-3-1987 in respect of projects costing over Rs. 20 crores being monitored by this Ministry, six projects which were approved from 1-4-1985 to 31-3-1987 have reported time and cost over runs. Two projects are in coal, one in petroleum, two in fertiliser and one in power sectors. The main reasons for the delay include problems concerning acquisition of land, clearance from environmental angle, industrial relations, equipment|material supply delays etc.